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Sen. Schauer Announces Joint Select Committee **on Business Competitiveness to be Held this Monday**

Schauer: 'It is critical to hear from local business leaders on what the state can do to protect jobs and encourage strong economic growth'

LANSING – Senator Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek), member of the Joint Select Committee on Business Competitiveness, will join his Senate and House colleagues for a meeting of the Joint Committee beginning **at 10:30 a.m., this Monday, May 5** at Denso Manufacturing MI, Inc., located at One Denso Rd. in Battle Creek.

Editor's Note: Prior to the start of the committee meeting, Sen. Schauer will hold a media availability at 10 a.m. at Denso Manufacturing MI, Inc.

“In the wake of the Pfizer acquisition of Pharmacia and the overall sluggish economy, it is critical to hear from local business leaders on what the state can do to protect jobs and encourage strong economic growth,” Schauer said. “Michigan must continue building its foundation for economic growth in order to stay competitive in this global economy.”

The Joint Committee on Business Competitiveness was established earlier this year and consists of five members of the Senate and five members of the House of Representatives. It is charged with the responsibility of making recommendations to the Legislature and Governor's Office on how to support economic growth, attract new business investments, and increase the number of good paying jobs for Michigan workers. This is the fifth of seven meetings held across the state, but the only one in the Battle Creek/Kalamazoo/Jackson area.

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“It is critical that businesspeople in Battle Creek and those along the I-94 corridor from Jackson to Kalamazoo let their opinions be heard on how the state can strengthen our area’s business climate,” Schauer said. “Our local business leaders are in the trenches every day fighting to keep their companies alive and employees working. Their thoughts and recommendations will shape the state’s ability to compete against rival states and countries for business development and job growth.”

Previous joint committee meetings focused on issues such as tax policy, governmental regulations, technological needs, national trends, international trade, and job preparedness. Those in attendance will be encouraged to identify regulatory requirements and other obstacles that inhibit Michigan’s business and economic growth. The committee will report its findings and recommendations to the Michigan Legislature by Sept. 1.

Businesspeople who are unable to attend the meeting but would still like to address a business development issue with the senator can contact him by mail, phone, or email.

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Sen. Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19th Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.

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